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REACTOR AND FLUID
CONTACTING APPARATUS
AND METHOD

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AMENDMENT B

SIR:

In response to the Office action dated December 20, 1999, please enter the following amendment to the above-referenced application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 5, line 6, insert the following: -- The detecting step can include measuring changes in the composition of the test fluid. The total time required to screen at least six library members is less than about six minutes, or in some embodiments, less than about three minutes. The total time required to screen at least forty-eight library members is less than about forty-eight minutes, or in some embodiments, less than about twenty-four minutes. --

At page 15, line 2, insert the following after the phrase "... can be screened at a time.": -- In general, at least six library members, or at least forty-eight library members are screened. --